GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:294
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UNHYGIENIC CONDITIONS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
Nedurumalli Janardhana Reddy Shri

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that despite numerous News-report about the unhygienic conditions and lack of infrastructure in Safdarjung Hospital there is no improvement in the situation so far ;

(b) if so, the action taken /proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ;

(c) whether the unhealthy conditions prevailing in the Government Hospitals, Delhi , have also come to the notice of the Delhi High Court; and

(d) if so , the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. AMBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & b) Safdarjung Hospital maintains cleanliness round the clock through 387 Government Safai Karamcharis and 144 Sanitation workers outsourced from M/s Sulabh International, a Non Governmental Organisation. Further, their work is being monitored closely by a designated Chief Medical Officer, Chief Sanitary Superintendent and 4 Sanitary Inspectors.

(c)&(d): In the Civil Writ Petition No.10697 of 2004, in `Court on its Own Motion Vs Union of India & Safdarjung Hospital`, the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi had issued directions to Medical Superintendent, Safdarjung Hospital to file a detailed affidavit on aspects relating to Water Sample Testing, sanitation etc. In pursuance of High Court`s directions, a detailed affidavit was filed before the Hon`ble Court. The High Court has given directions to NDMC, CPWD & Delhi Police for further improving conditions in and around the hospital.